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## ***JUDICIAL PROFILE***

**Maurice Portley** was appointed to the Superior Court in 1991 and is currently Presiding Juvenile Court Judge. In this role, he is spearheading reforms to provide better and more effective access to treatment for children who have matters before Juvenile Court. He served a six-year term on the Commission on Judicial Conduct, the watchdog group that monitors and disciplines judges around the state. He was named the 1999 Valley Leadership Man of the Year. The *Dollar and Sense* magazine named him among the Best and Brightest Professional Men and Women for 1997. He also received the 1995 Humanitarian Award of the Buffalo Soldiers Re-enactors Association. Before becoming a judge, he was a partner in the firm of Jennings, Strouss and Salmon. He was also in the U.S. Army Judge Advocates Corps from July 1979 through July 1984. He earned his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School and his bachelor's degree from Arizona State University.



It is difficult to name all of the community activities in which Judge Portley participates. He holds office in the Arizona Town Hall, Valley Leadership, A Stepping Stone Foundation, Tri-City Behavioral Community Services and Great Arizona Puppet Theater. He is a member of the Phoenix Art Museum's Men's Arts Council, is merit badge counselor for Boy Scout Troop 605, is involved in the Mayor's ARead to Me® project, Black Board of Directors Project and Friends of the Phoenix Library. He is a member of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Hayzel B. Daniels Bar Association, National Bar Association, American Bar Association and Maricopa County Bar Association.